City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	City Council
By:	Leah C. Greenblat, Transportation Planner
Date Written:	January 20, 2009
Meeting Date:	January 26, 2009
Subject:	Request to Address Bicycle Speeding on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail

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Introduction / Discussion

At its December 1, 2008 meeting, the Circulation Commission considered a request to address bicycle speeding on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail, staff report and minutes attached. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee had previously discussed the subject and their comments were incorporated into the staff report. The Commission agreed to request that the City Council forward a letter to the East Bay Regional Park District regarding safety and etiquette for all trail users. Staff prepared a draft letter, attached, for the Council's consideration.

The Commission also supported BPAC's plans to undertake several outreach efforts to the bicycling community which include:

- ☐ Sponsorship of 1 or 2 bike rodeos geared to younger students and their parents;
- ☐ Safety-oriented email appeals to local riding clubs;
- ☐ Encouraging the Lafayette Criterion organizers to promote appropriate road and trail safety and trail etiquette practices to attendees; and
- ☐ Outreach to the broader community via articles in local papers, newsletters and websites.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign attached letter to the East Bay Regional Park District

Attachments

1. Draft letter to the East Bay Regional Park District
2. November 24, 2008 staff report by Leah Greenblat, Transportation Planner
3. Excerpt of December 1, 2008 Circulation Commission meeting minutes

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January 20, 2009

Mr. Pat O'Brien
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Court
P.O. Box 5381
Oakland, CA 94605-0381

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The City of Lafayette considers itself fortunate to have the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) Lafayette-Moraga Trail traverse our city. It provides our residents with viable transportation alternatives to driving as well as close proximity to recreational opportunities. Recently, the City has received complaints regarding bicyclists speeding and lack of trail etiquette by all modes of trail users. Lafayette's City Council, Circulation Commission and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee have all considered these concerns and we have developed a list of requests which we believe will only improve the overall experience of all people who use the trail. As one of the host jurisdictions of the trail, we also are undertaking several outreach efforts of our own. In 2009, the City will sponsor several bicycle skill training rodeos for students and their parents. Additionally, because Lafayette is a hub for regional recreational bicyclists, we plan on undertaking our own outreach to promote appropriate road and trail safety and etiquette practices to both riding clubs and our broader community. We request you to join us in these efforts by engaging the EBRPD resources to:

1. Seek adherence to the 15 MPH speed limit on the EBRPD's network of trails;

2. Conduct a network-wide needs evaluation for additional speed limit signage;

3. Provide patrol assistance via EBRPD's Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol

4. Install additional trail signage depicting the right-of-way rules for pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians; and

5. Undertake additional community outreach regarding trail etiquette and safety issues, including distribution of etiquette information via EBRPD's bulletin boards, web site, newsletters and trail handouts. Specific outreach topics include:

a. Right-of-way rules for trail users

b. Safety precautions at trail crossings

c. Adherence to speed limits

d. Calling out or bell ringing to alert others when passing

e. Keeping to the "right" on the trail except when passing

f. Discouraging users from spreading out across the width of the trail

g. Keeping dogs on a short leash to avoid tripping on or riding over leashses

h. Discouraging the use of headphones

i. Including trail hotline phone number on trail signage

Based on public input, we have also identified the following specific sections of the trail which would most benefit from your attention:

- ☐ Between Topper Court and Las Huertas Drive
- ☐ Between Hawthorn Drive and Reliez Station Road
- ☐ The down hill portion of the trail from Burton Valley to Downtown Lafayette

Thank you for your attention to these matters. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City of Lafayette's Transportation Planner, Leah Greenblat, at 925.299.3229.

Sincerely,

Don Tatzin
Mayor

cc: John Sutter, EBRPD Ward 2 Board Member
Timothy Anderson, EBRPD Chief of Police
Louie Guzman, EBRPD Trail Supervisor

City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	Circulation Commission
By:	Leah C. Greenblat, Transportation Planner
Date Written:	November 24, 2008
Meeting Date:	December 1, 2008
Subject:	Request to Address Bicycle Speeding on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail

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Introduction

Following receipt of an email from a resident, Commissioner Hiden requested that the Circulation Commission ask the City Council to forward a request to the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to install additional speed limit signs on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail, email attached. Per the direction of Chair Ross, the BPAC reviewed the request at its last meeting on November 12, 2008. The BPAC discussed and recommended a comprehensive plan for addressing user safety and etiquette on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail as well as specific methods for improving the City's bicycle safety system-wide. The BPAC supported sending a letter to EBRPD requesting cooperation in this matter.

Discussion

The Lafayette-Moraga Trail is a regional, multi-modal trail constructed in the 1970s as one of the first rails-to-trails projects in the country. By today's standards, the popular trail is paved narrower than what now would be constructed. This suggests a greater need to support appropriate behavior among the variety trail users who each have their own needs and concerns. Trail enforcement and maintenance are the responsibility of the East Bay Regional Park District. The BPAC discussed the various possible safety concerns associated with all types of trail users and identified several recommendations.

Generally, the BPAC recommends the letter to the EBRPD:

- ☐ Support the adherence to the 15 MPH speed limit on the EBRPD's network of trails;
- ☐ Request an evaluation network-wide for the need for additional speed limit signage;
- ☐ Request patrol assistance from EBRPD's Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol, information attached;
- ☐ Request installation of more informational trail signage depicting the right-of-way rules for pedestrians, bicycling or equestrians; and

- Request additional outreach regarding trail etiquette and safety issues, including distribution of etiquette information via EBRPD bulletin boards, web site, newsletters and trail handouts. Specifically, the BPAC identified
    - Right-of-way rules for trail users
    - Safety precautions at trail crossings
    - Adherence to speed limits
    - Calling out or bell ringing to alert others when passing
    - Keeping to the "right" on the trail except when passing
    - Discouraging users from spreading out across the width of the trail
    - Keeping dogs on a short leash to avoid tripping on or riding over leashes
    - Discouraging the use of headphones

In addition to these request to EBRPD, the BPAC will be working on several outreach efforts of its own to the bicycling community in 2009 including:

- Sponsorship of 1 or 2 bike rodeos geared to younger students and their parents;
- Safety-oriented e-mail appeals to local riding clubs;
- Encouraging the Lafayette Criterion organizers to promote appropriate safety and trail etiquette practices to attendees; and
- Outreach to the broader community via articles in local papers, newsletters and websites.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

1. Request Council send a letter to the East Bay Regional Park District regarding safety and etiquette for all trail users.

Attachments

1. Email request from Commissioner Hiden
2. Trail information from the East Bay Regional Park District

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Greenblat, Leah

From: Greenblat, Leah
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 10:13 AM
To: Michael Ross (mike@michael-ross.net)
Cc: 'bart carr'; 'Lynn Hiden'
Subject: FW: Please put speed limit signs along the Laf Mor Trail!!!

Mike,
Please let me know if you would like to agendize this request from Commissioner Hiden at an upcoming Circulation Commission meeting. Since the BPAC will be meeting later this month, I would recommend forwarding this item to them prior to the Commission discussing it.
Leah

Leah Greenblat
Transportation Planner
City of Lafayette

From: Greenblat, Leah
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 10:09 AM
To: 'Lynn Hiden'
Cc: Michael Ross (mike@michael-ross.net)
Subject: RE: Please put speed limit signs along the Laf Mor Trail!!!

Lynn,
I'll follow up on your request with Chair Ross. Have you received a response yet from your initial email to Bob Doyle and Mike Anderson at EBRPD?
Leah

Leah Greenblat
Transportation Planner
City of Lafayette

From: Lynn Hiden [mailto:dandlhiden@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:08 AM
To: Greenblat, Leah
Subject: Fw: Please put speed limit signs along the Laf Mor Trail!!!

Leah,

This problem, below, may require a little effort before it is solved. Would you please put "Request for Letter to EBRPD from Lafay City Council re speed limit signs on Laf Moraga Trail" on the Circulation Commission agenda?

Thanks,

Lynn

----- Original Message -----
From: Avon Wilson
To: Bob Doyle ; Lynn Hiden
Cc: Nora Harlow ; John Coleman ; Mike Anderson ; Mike Anderson
Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 10:02 PM
Subject: Re: Please put speed limit signs along the Laf Mor Trail!!!

Lynn:

George and I have been walking on the Lafayette/Moraga Trail. A couple Saturdays ago we were nearly run down by a group of male bike riders in black slick pants. They were going fast and in formation and everyone - bicyclists, peds, etc. had to take to the grass. When George yelled at them to slow down, they yelled back. They were like a pack of wild dogs and twice as arrogant. If the Park District does not control these guys, someone will get hurt. Perhaps some patrolling on weekends would help, because the only time I have seen groups of them was on this one Saturday. The single slick pant guys generally go much faster than the usual recreational mom/pop/kid cyclists and they never call out to warn you that they are passing. Perhaps the Park District needs to write to the bicycle clubs as well as patrolling.

Avon

--- On **Mon, 9/1/08, Lynn Hiden <*dandlhiden@comcast.net*>** wrote:

> From: Lynn Hiden <dandlhiden@comcast.net>
> Subject: Please put speed limit signs along the Laf Mor Trail!!!
> To: "Bob Doyle" <bdoyle@ebparks.org>
> Cc: "Nora Harlow" <nharlow@ebmud.com>, "John Coleman" <jcoleman@kbhome.com>, "Mike Anderson" <MANDERSON@ebparks.org>, "Mike Anderson" <courtneyandmike@comcast.net>, "Avon Wilson" <avonmwilson@yahoo.com>
> Date: Monday, September 1, 2008, 1:39 PM
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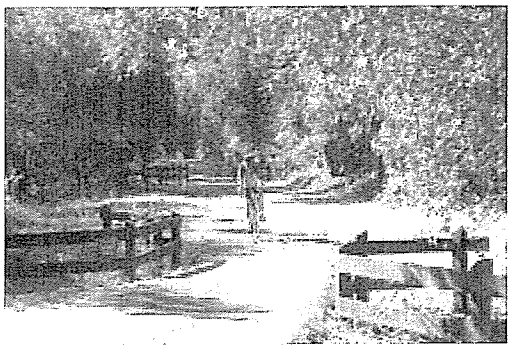
> Bob and Mike,
>
> Lafayette's bike route signs are going up now, our markings are an improvement over what we had when Avon and I first started this and the trail effort back in the early 70's. However, we have a PROBLEM, now that Lafayette is on the radar as a good city to bike through to practise for the various races that come up.
>
> Some of our bike route signs either do or will (the Circulation Commission in Lafayette has been working on locations) direct riders to the Lafay Moraga Trail because staff doesn't want to direct them up Moraga Road (where they will go, anyway, never mind their knees; they love the muscle workout).
>
> The PROBLEM is that these riders, all lycra-clad (Yehuda Sherman referred to them as "lycra-clad twerps" (-: even tho he was one of the officers not long ago --and maybe still --of EBBC) have been riding the Laf Mor Trail as fast as they can go. Dave and I have witnessed several whizzing across the roads as they moved along the trail, more than likley going somewhere around 35 mph, at a minimum.
>
> The EBMUD Reservoir has a speed limit of 15 mph and I think that the Laf Mor Trail should have 15 mph speed limits erected along its route, also. Each "block", please. You might think that bicyclists can't do any damage but it was only a Stanley Jr high student going fairly slowly that hit me in the back with his bike tire just after I left the hospital with a two-level interbody fusion in l986--it knocked the bone plugs crooked on the side he hit and created a permanent twist, therefore, in the spine. In Mpls, one mom was killed after being hit by a cyclist on a trail by Lake Harriett ; and in Davis, at least one student that we know of was paralyzed-- same reason.
>
> Thus, my request is this: PLEASE erect 15 mph speed limits all along the Lafayette Moraga Trail----it is too narrow and used by too many pedestrians to allow the biking speed freaks to endanger its pedestrians. While cyclists, and espec thesein their lycra, practising up, CAN ride the road.....certainly, the pedestrians do not belong on the road.
>
> Thanks for your careful consideration of this matter, we need to nip the problem before

we have a serious accident.

Lynn Hiden, Lafayette (also a Circulation Commissioner)

Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail

Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail



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About The Trail

The Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail, a 7.65-mile linear park, parallels St. Mary's Road through Lafayette and Moraga. It is intended for hiking, bicycling, and equestrian use.

Coursing through the Moraga Valley, connecting Las Trampas Ridge to the Oakland Hills, and the cities of Lafayette and Moraga, this trail corridor has a rich and varied history. This trail was once used by mule trains to carry redwood from Oakland to Sacramento. Later, when the mule trails had passed into history, the lumber was carried by steam trains, including the Oakland-Antioch and Eastern Railroad, the San Francisco-Sacramento, and the Sacramento Northern, for which the easement was historically named. With the abandonment of the railroads the corridor became a utility easement, and, ultimately, with the cooperation of local communities, utility districts and the East Bay Regional Park District, a paved multi-use recreational trail was established serving hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians.

The north end of the trail begins at A staging area at Olympic Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road in Lafayette, south of Highway 24, and ends at EBMUD's Valle Vista staging area at the outskirts of Moraga, bordering San Leandro Reservoir and Redwood Regional Park. (A permit is required to hike in EBMUD lands; call 287-0469.) The trail makes connections to a variety of schools (including St. Mary's College), regional trails (Briones-to-Las Trampas), local parks (Moraga Commons), and commercial areas in downtown Moraga. One of the first rail-trails in California, this 60-foot-wide recreational trail offers residential access, regional connections, scenic areas, and convenience to local facilities. It is accessible to persons in wheelchairs.

The trail is maintained and operated by the East Bay Regional Park District. It was established largely along utility right-of-way in cooperation with the cities of Lafayette and Moraga, the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. Back to top

Mileage

7.65 miles.

Section 1: 4.77 miles

Extending from Pleasant Hill Road and Olympic Boulevard west and south to Rheem Boulevard at St.

Mary's Road.

Section 2: 1.16 miles

Extending from Rheem Boulevard at St. Mary's Road to Moraga Commons at Moraga Road. This section includes a par course. Drinking water and restrooms are available at Moraga Commons in Moraga and at Lafayette Community Center on St. Mary's Road (restrooms from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. only).

Section 3: 1.72 miles

Extending through downtown Moraga to EBMUD's Valle Vista Staging Area on Canyon Road. EBMUD trails lead from Valle Vista through watershed lands to Las Trampas Regional Wilderness and Redwood Regional Park. An annual permit from EBMUD is required to use these trails; call EBMUD at (510) 287-0469 for permit information. Back to top

Trail Accessibility

Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail is wheelchair accessible. Back to top

Responsible Trail-Use Rules

Multi-Use Trail

Safe multiple use of this and other multiple use trails requires everyone's cooperation. Each trail user is asked to exercise common courtesy. BICYCLES YIELD to horses and hikers. HIKERS YIELD to horses. Stay to the right of the trail except when passing. NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES are permitted on the trail, wheelchairs excepted.

Violations of any of the following may result in citation.

All Trail Users:

- Be safe, considerate and aware of your impact on the trail and other trail users.
- For everyone's safety, keep to the right. Proceed single file around blind curves.
- For your safety, headphones are not advised.
- Safety helmets are required by law for bicyclists under age 18, and are strongly recommended for all bicyclists and equestrians.
- Dogs must be on leash where posted, and under full verbal control elsewhere. Please clean up after your dog.

Bicycles:

- Bicycles are not permitted, either walked, ridden or carried, on trails marked "No Bicycles."
- Bicycles shall not be ridden at an unsafe speed, or greater than the posted speed limit. Be aware of how you are perceived by other trail users.
- Bells are required on bicycles on Park District trails.
- Bicycles always yield to pedestrians. Before passing, SLOW DOWN, ring bell and establish verbal contact.
- When approaching equestrians, call out, ring bell and STOP, whether you are seen or not. Ask for instructions on how to pass safely.
- On blind turns, SLOW DOWN, call out, ring bell and ride single file.

Pedestrians:

- Keep to the right when approached by others.
- Always yield to equestrians.
- Look behind and to both sides before changing course.

Equestrians:

- Keep your horse to the right or where safe when encountering other trail users.
- Communicate. Let other trail users know how to pass your horse safely.
- Please clean up after your horse on paved trails.

Trail conflicts or violations should be reported to the Trail Hotline at (510) 733-6991. For an immediate response, call (510) 881-1833. In case of emergency dial 9-1-1. Back to top

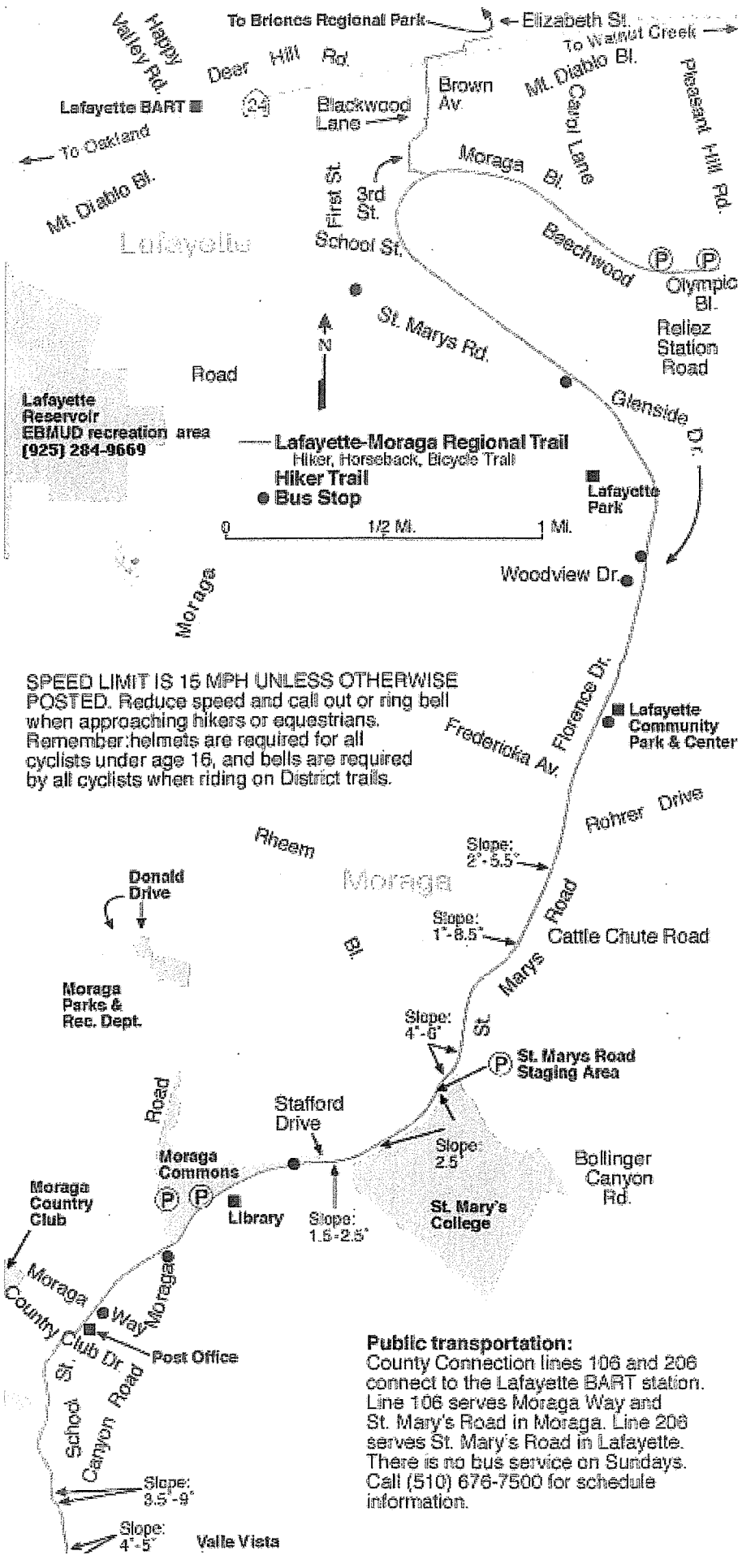
To Reach The Park

Public Transportation

County Connection lines 106 and 206 connect to the Lafayette BART station.

Line 106 serves Moraga Way and St. Mary's Road in Moraga. Line 206 serves St. Mary's Road in Lafayette. There is no bus service on Sundays. Call (925) 676-7500 for schedule information. Back to top

Trail Map


To Briones Regional Park
Elizabeth St.
To Walnut Creek
Happy Valley Rd.
Deer Hill Rd.
Lafayette BART
To Oakland
Mt. Diablo Bl.
Blackwood Lane
Brown Av.
Mt. Diablo Bl.
Camino Pablo
Pleasant Hill Rd.
Moraga Bl.
First St.
3rd St.
School St.
Lafayette
Beechwood
Olympic Bl.
Reliez Station Road
St. Marys Rd.
N
Road
Glenside Dr.
Lafayette Reservoir EBMUD recreation area (925) 284-9669
Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail
Hiker, Horseback, Bicycle Trail
Hiker Trail
Bus Stop
Lafayette Park
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1/2 Mi.
1 Mi.
Woodview Dr.
Moraga
SPEED LIMIT IS 15 MPH UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED. Reduce speed and call out or ring bell when approaching hikers or equestrians. Remember: helmets are required for all cyclists under age 16, and bells are required by all cyclists when riding on District trails.
Florence Dr.
Fredericka Av.
Lafayette Community Park & Center
Rohrer Drive
Rheem
Moraga
Slope: 2°-5.5°
Donald Drive
Slope: 1°-8.5°
Cattle Chute Road
Moraga Parks & Rec. Dept.
Marys Road
St.
Slope: 4°-6°
St. Marys Road Staging Area
Road
Stafford Drive
Slope: 2.5°
Moraga Commons
Bollinger Canyon Rd.
Moraga Country Club
Library
Slope: 1.5-2.5°
St. Mary's College
Moraga Country Club Dr.
Moraga Way
Post Office
School
Canyon Road
Slope: 3.5°-9°
Slope: 4°-5°
Valle Vista
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Trail Info

Address
See Trail Map
Download Brochure
Phone Numbers
Contra Costa Trails Office
925-687-3419
Toll Free: 888-EBPARKS (888-327-2757), option 3, extension 4535
Maps
View Trail Map
Download PDF Map
Hours
Open between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. unless otherwise posted or permitted
Park Events
Click here for upcoming events
Parking Fee
No fee
Emergency Number
911
EBRPD Headquarters
1-888-EBPARKS or 1-888-327-2757

Source URL:
http://www.ebparks.org/parks/trails/lafayette_moraga

VTSP Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol
East Bay Regional Park District

VTSP Home

About the Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol

Our Patrol Groups

Volunteer Bicycle Patrol

About Your Trails and Parklands

In an EMERGENCY

Volunteer Bicycle Patrol

Members of the Volunteer Bicycle Patrol (VBP), one of five patrol groups in the Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol of the East Bay Regional Park District, ride District trails on their bikes. Though VBP members have the same responsibilities as do the members of the other patrol groups, a special interest is to meet other District visitors on bicycles, to provide them with education and safety advice, and to encourage them to follow District rules governing bicycle use on District lands. In their patrol activities, VBP members help to:

- protect the safety of all District park and trail users,
- protect and preserve District resources (plants, wildlife, trail surfaces, and so on), and
- promote enjoyable experiences for all District park and trail users.

You can most easily recognize us while we are riding the trails by our jerseys' yellow sleeves and dark blue public safety shoulder patches. If we're sitting or standing rather than riding, you'll see "Bike Patrol" on the fronts and backs of the jerseys. Like all Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol members, we carry District ID cards.

The Volunteer Bicycle Patrol has been supporting the East Bay Regional Park District from within the District's Police Department since 1989.

Learn how you can join the Volunteer Bicycle Patrol of the Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol.

This Web site is the property and responsibility of members of the Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol. This Web site is not officially supported by the East Bay Regional Park District.

TO: Lafayette Circulation Commission

FROM: Alison Hill, Lafayette Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission and Lafayette Hiking Group

DATE: December 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Safety on Lafayette/Moraga Trail

I am writing in support of increased policing and safety on the Lafayette/Moraga Trail, particularly with regard to cyclists. I live close to the trail and use it frequently both as a pedestrian and a cyclist. However there are a small minority of cyclists who do not obey the rules, and cause problems for all of us.

One of my friends, who is a member of the Lafayette Hiking Group, was walking on the trail on August 30, when she was knocked over by an inattentive cyclist. Her injuries were sufficiently serious that she was taken by ambulance to the Emergency Room at John Muir Hospital. She has still not fully recovered and may need to undergo surgery for torn tendons in her shoulder. She is now afraid to walk on the trail by herself.

I fully support any agreement you can reach with the East Bay Regional Park District that will reduce the occurrence of this kind of accident.

Greenblat, Leah

From: AlisonRHill@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2008 3:05 PM
To: Greenblat, Leah
Subject: RE: Circulation Commission - Lafayette/Moraga Trail

Leah,

It was toward the Olympic Boulevard end of the trail - between Olympic and Hawthorn I think. Shouldn't the Park District have a report on this incident?

Alison

---------- Original message ----------
From: "Greenblat, Leah" <LGreenblat@ci.lafayette.ca.us>
Alison,
Thank you for your email. I will forward it to the Circulation Commissioners.

This morning I spoke with someone from the East Bay Regional Park District. He said it would be helpful if people could identify specific locations on the trail where they are experiencing problems. Do you know where your friend was injured?

Leah

Leah Greenblat
Transportation Planner
City of Lafayette
Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

From: AlisonRHill@comcast.net [mailto:AlisonRHill@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2008 12:38 PM
To: Greenblat, Leah
Subject: Circulation Commission - Lafayette/Moraga Trail

Leah,

Following our conversation lat week, here are my comments on bicycle issues on the Lafayette/Moraga Trail. I am also attaching it as a Word document in case that is more useful.

I am writing in support of increased policing and safety on the Lafayette/Moraga Trail, particularly with regard to cyclists. I live close to the trail and use it frequently both as a pedestrian and a cyclist. However there are a small minority of cyclists who do not obey the rules, and cause problems for all of us.

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Alison Hill
283-6696

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7. Staff Reports

a. Update on Recent Council Actions

Ms. Greenblat advised that there were no Council actions regarding circulation.

b. Request to Address Bicycle Speeding on Lafayette-Moraga Trail

Ms. Greenblat said that this item was discussed at the last BPAC meeting. Additional information was discussed today with the manager of the Lafayette-Moraga Trail and a staff person. The manager asked for more specific information on volume, patrols, EBMUD policies, and specific locations requested to be targeted for enforcement. The Commission was handed out a memo from Alison Hill of the Lafayette Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee and Lafayette Hiking Group regarding safety on the Lafayette/Moraga Trail.

Citing specific locations where speeding occurs, Chair Ross noted the Hawthorne side of the trail down from Hawthorne to Olympic.

Vice Chair Hughes noted Topper Court up to Las Huertas as a high speed area.

Commissioner Sevilla asked about right-of-way issues on the bike trail and if yield signs could be installed.

Ms. Greenblat answered that BPAC has recommended the use of these types of signs to make it clear who is supposed to yield to whom.

Commissioner Hiden asked that the trail hotline number be placed on signs along the trail. She also recommended adding to the third bullet on page 2 of the staff report to read: "Encouraging the Lafayette Criterion organizers to promote appropriate *road* safety and trail etiquette practices to attendees."

The Commission agreed by consensus to forward to Council a letter to the East Bay Regional Park District incorporating the additions noted at tonight's meeting.

c. Draft 2009 Commission Work Program

Ms. Greenblat said that the Commission accomplished a lot of substantial work in 2008. In 2009, the Commission will work with the CCTA on the implementation of Measure J (April/May), working on updating reports, policies and procedures. The Commission will continue to work on its regular items in the first half of 2009 including the Downtown Strategy Plan, implementation of the Lafayette Bike Plan, traffic calming prioritizations, bicycle rodeo, bike to work day. Part of BPAC's work program is reflected in the proposed 2009 Circulation Commission's work program.

Commissioner Hiden asked where the grant application to do the EBMUD aqueduct comes in the program.

Ms. Greenblat replied that staff has not yet found a funding source but if one comes up, staff will pursue it.

Vice Chair Hughes moved and Commissioner Sevilla seconded approval of the 2009 Circulation Commission Work Program. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.